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[REDACTED] Russian Research Project

REFERENCES: (a) Memo to DD/I from SA/CNEA, 23 September 1958, subject:  
Proposal for New Soviet Atlas, with attachment  
(b) Memo to Ch/G from Ch/GG/S, 6 October 1958, subject:  
Proposal for New Soviet Atlas

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1. For reasons explained by [REDACTED] in his attached memo, we would not recommend CIA financial support of the Russian research project proposed by [REDACTED]. The atlas contributes little of intelligence interest that is not already available in the Soviet economic maps; moreover, much of its substance is already being undertaken by [REDACTED]. Parenthetically [REDACTED] -- in his much cheaper effort (financed by the University) -- has the research assistance of [REDACTED] late of [REDACTED]. Though it is not directly in our province, we would also question the value to CIA of the over-all research effort which the atlas is supposed to assist. It does seem appropriate, however, to offer [REDACTED] access to the many unique but unclassified documents on Russia which the intelligence community's procurement machinery has acquired. 25X1A5a1

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2. As further noted by [REDACTED] the Geography and Cartography Divisions are presently contemplating the atlas possibilities that may lie in the assembly of intelligence maps that have been produced by CIA on the USSR. It may be that with a little programmed effort we can develop internally an intelligence atlas of vastly more utility to CIA than the general, limited-source atlas proposed.

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3. [REDACTED] has made the suggestion, in which I concur, that the referenced proposal be routed to the Soviet Research Staff for additional comment. He further suggests that Mr. Amory be advised to turn the proposal over to RXP/IRA, Department of State, for their consideration.

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Enclosures: 2

References (a) and (b), as listed above

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